

ORDINANCE NO. 24-02

Introduced by: Thomas B. Willis, Jr.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF QUEENSTOWN TO AMEND ARTICLES II, IV, VI, AND VII OF THE QUEENSTOWN ZONING ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH REASONABLE ZONING REGULATIONS FOR CANNABIS BUSINESSES

WHEREAS, Md. Code Ann. Land Use Article § 4-202 authorizes municipalities to adopt zoning regulations as it determines are in the public health, safety and welfare; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Queenstown is authorized by the Maryland Code Ann. Alcoholic Beverages Article to establish reasonable zoning requirements for cannabis businesses; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners of Queenstown recognize that the Cannabis Reform Act (House Bill 556/Senate Bill 516) was signed into law and became effective July 1, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Cannabis Reform Act creates a licensing system for sales of recreational marijuana and establishes regulatory agencies to oversee the retail market; and

WHEREAS, the Town Zoning Ordinance contains no specific or particular provisions for the development and/or regulation of businesses engaged in the manufacture or sale of cannabis for recreational or medicinal purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners of Queenstown have determined that it is desirable and in the public interest to amend the Queenstown Zoning Ordinance to provide the provisions for developing and/or regulating businesses engaged in the manufacture or sale of cannabis.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF QUEENSTOWN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Queenstown Zoning Ordinance, Article II, §8 is hereby amended as follows:

§ 8. Definitions and word usage.

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CANNABIS ENTERPRISE – Enterprises licensed by the State of Maryland to acquire, possess, repackage, process, transfer, transport, sell, distribute, dispense, or dispose of products containing cannabis, related supplies, and related products.

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